The First Great Gift

"The First Great Gift to Humanity was what Humanity most needed and always needs—*a Child.*" —Joyce Kilmer





Adopted

Yes we're adopted,
Sorry? We're glad—
You see, they chose us—
Our Mummy and Dad.

They looked and they looked;
Babies galore!
But not one suited
Them ever before.

But when they found us
Their Hearts just said:
"Here are 'our babies,'
What joy is ahead!"

Written by the Foster Mother of these two adorable children
1926

Being the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of
"Florida's Greatest Charity"
The Children's Home Society of Florida
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Don't Put Off Making Your Will Another Day

for *you* have no assurance that you will be here on the morrow to make your will—none of us have.

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Will or Roll
and let us use some of your funds in building for Florida a finer, nobler citizenship in the years to come—out of the lives of little children, saved from wreckage, despair, hopelessness?

THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA
State Headquarters, 428 St. James Building
Jacksonville, Florida



Can you imagine any greater joy than that of a proud Foster Father being met each night by his two little "adopted" children? Sure, you can have that joy. We will be delighted to provide the children, if you will provide the Home

A Report of Our Twenty-fourth Year of Service To Florida's Childhood In Need

In spite of a disappointing real estate situation which has affected every section of and individual in Florida during the past year; in spite of the storm disaster, which was felt directly or indirectly by every citizen of our State; in spite of some vicious propaganda, aimed at our Society by contemptible character assassins, (who have no regard for the truth, and live only to destroy), and in spite of the largest deficit that our Society has ever had to face, we are very happy to announce to our scores of thousands of friends, in every nook and corner of Florida, (and to some kind friends out of the State), that we have rendered the finest service to the largest number of homeless and needy children, that we have ever rendered, we have had more friends send in more funds than in any previous year, and have, after persistent effort, closed the greatest year of service to Florida's greatest asset—its children—*free of any deficit,* and with funds enough on hand to carry on our great and absolutely necessary work for almost thirty days in the new year. (By the time this report reaches our readers we will be in immediate need). For this perfectly wonderful support, for this fine assurance of increased confidence of the people of the entire State, for this great privilege of service, we desire to express our genuine and heartfelt gratitude.

Eighteen Hundred and Three

homeless, orphan, afflicted, crippled, feebleminded, blind, abused, neglected, emaciated, diseased, abandoned and needy little Florida children, from wee babes on up, from every portion of the State, of every creed and belief, have received the aid, love, care, education and supervision of our State-wide, non-sectarian organization during the past year of 1926.

Think of It—1803 Little Future Citizens!

As far as figures can begin to tell of the service rendered the following figures should prove of some real interest to our contributing partners, the folks and organizations through whose financial and other aid the following record of service was made possible.

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Summary of Service Rendered During 1926 to 1803 Homeless, Orphan and Needy Children

On Hand January 1st, 1926	623
In Jacksonville Receiving Homes	78
In West Florida Receiving Homes	26
In Hospitals	1
In Boarding Homes	53
Under supervision in Family Homes	406
Total	623
New children referred for aid and care during 1926	1,180
Total children under care and supervision in 1926	1,803

For the 1,180 new children referred for care in 1926, the following services were rendered:

146 were given temporary care at our Receiving Homes pending permanent plans for family.
210 were placed in Boarding Homes for widowed mothers, Juvenile Courts, etc.
113 were referred to other social agencies and County Commissioners for relief, to day nurseries, hospitals, etc.
25 were aided by straightening out family difficulties.
48 were referred to institutions and boarding schools.
229 were aided by advice and information in working out plans, getting in touch with relatives, and securing employment.
70 were referred to boarding homes.
43 were referred to Juvenile Courts for legal action.
88 were involved in supervisory visits, investigation of relatives' homes, and missing relatives located for out-of-state agencies.
5 referred to maternity homes.
1 Business scholarship was provided.
3 were placed in boarding schools.
18 were pending, waiting completion of investigation or plans at the end of the year.
181 were committed legally.

Of the 181 legally committed

88 are in Receiving and Boarding Homes	3 were committed to Florida Farm Colony at Gainesville
17 were placed with relatives	1 is at Hope Haven, Jacksonville
68 were placed in foster homes	1 was returned to the Juvenile Court
1 was placed at Florida Industrial School for Boys	181
2 were claimed by death	

The causes which brought the 1,180 new children under our care and attention were as follows:

Separation of parents	182	Mild delinquency	50
Crime of father	5	Domestic trouble	20
Crime of step-father	1	Insanity of father	12
Death of father	53	Insanity of mother	6
Death of mother	104	Insanity of both parents	1
Death of both parents	12	Relatives in jail	19
Death of foster parents	3	Cruelty and Abuse of father	2
Death of relatives	1	Cruelty and Abuse of mother	1
Illness of father	16	Cruelty and Abuse of both parents	1
Illness of mother	65	Cruelty and Abuse of step-father	3
Illness of both parents	1	Cruelty and Abuse of guardians	8
Illness of child	4	Cruelty and Abuse of relatives	2
Illness of relative or guardian	7	Drunkenness and vice	16
Desertion of father	48	Crippled and afflicted	9
Desertion of mother	27	Traveling alone	8
Desertion of both parents	15	Subnormality of mother	5
Neglect of father	17	Subnormality of child	7
Neglect of mother	10	Unemployment	3
Neglect of both parents	45	Pregnancy of unmarried women	5
Neglect of relatives	2	Abandoned	4
Neglect of guardians	5	Runaways	5
Neglect of foster parents	1	Kleptomaniacs	2
Born out of wedlock	77	Illegal co-habitation	3
Storm Disaster	52	Father blind	1
Insufficient income	47	Locate missing children	6
Immorality of father	3	Requests from out-of-state agencies for investigations. Supervision, Visits, etc.	88
Immorality of mother	49	Other causes	20
Immorality of both parents	18		1,180
Immorality of step-father	1		



We start the year 1927 with 889 children under care and supervision as follows:

101	at Jacksonville Receiving Home	14	at Miami Boarding Homes
40	at Pensacola Receiving Home	66	at Boarding Schools and Institutions
22	at Miami Receiving Home	502	Under supervision in foster homes
3	at Hospitals		
141	at Boarding Homes in Jacksonville	889	

This is 266 more children than we started the previous year with—or more than thirty-three per cent.—which means a tremendous increase in responsibility, in cost of care, supervision, etc. To meet this increased need we must ask our friends to be more generous in their support than ever before—and we must secure more friends to help. Perhaps each reader of this report will find a new friend for us. Will you?

The 1,180 new children were reported to the Society for aid as follows:

By Individuals	488	By County Officials and County Nurses	33
By Probation Officers and Juvenile Courts	259	By Hospitals and Physicians	39
By Social Agencies in Florida	228	By Women's Clubs, Schools and Churches	34
By Social Agencies out of State	99		
			1,180

The 1,180 new children were reported to us from as follows:

368 from Duval County
694 from 101 towns in Florida
118 from 43 cities outside of Florida

Of the 1,180 new children: 559 were boys and 621 were girls.

167	were babies under one year of age	257	were children from eleven to sixteen years of age
382	were children from one to five years of age	29	were children over sixteen years of age
345	were children from six to ten years of age		
		1,180	

We believe "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and that "It is more economical to save children than punish criminals"—don't you?

The Biggest-Hearted Family In Florida

No, you probably will never see their names emblazoned in any bronze monument or tablet, nor will you likely see their names in any public Roll of Honor, or see any parade given as they come to town, or have any flags flying at half-mast—when they have finished their wonderful lives of genuine Christian service on this earth, but they will deserve all this and more just the same, but because they are so quiet and modest, few will ever know of their remarkable service.

Several years ago they first took one of our difficult problem boys, as they were not blessed with children of their own. This boy would have been returned promptly by any other family, for he has been a constant problem, a source of worry and trouble, but this family had taken Lorenzo to raise as their very own, and they have "seen him through," he now being in a college in our State—doing well.

A year or two later this family took a wee baby boy, with double club feet, a child that other families had shunned as he lay in a crib in our Baby Cottage, but this family saw a fine chance for real service, so they took little Joe, and after special operations, costing hundreds of dollars, and great worry and suspense, they have given to little Joe the normal use of his limbs, and he in turn has proved to be the biggest blessing in their home.

Last summer, when a vicious stepfather killed the mother of three fine girlies, and then killed himself, leaving these girlies homeless, heartbroken with grief and loss, and the children were committed to our Society to be placed out for adoption, isn't it strange that only one family in all of Florida—among the thousands who read of that gruesome tragedy—were willing to give a home to those girlies, and that that one family should be the same family who had already given a home to two of our homeless boys? Yes, and the girls are happy and doing well, and have found a permanent home in the delightful home of one of the Directors of our work.

Can you think of anything more wonderful, more genuinely Christian? Don't you wish we could find a few more such wonderful families in our State? We do—will *you* be one?

Putting Humanity Into Figures

We cannot use space enough to tell our contributors and friends the details of every one of the 1803 children referred to us for aid and care during the past year, but we do want to tell of a few special cases, which will give some small indication of the varied problems that confront us, and that will give some idea of the service that the Home Society has rendered to these 1803 little ones during the twelve months of 1926.



Pleading For a Good Home, Together
Will You Take This Lovely Trio?

Pairs, Trios, Quartets and Quintets of Children Placed Together

For instance, our friends may be interested to learn that nineteen families the past year took two children each, six families took three children each, four families took four children each, and one family that had already taken two children took three more, and are expecting to take one more child soon. In addition to these group placements we want to tell you of two of the many families that we have kept together, as indicating the constructive service we are really rendering in our effort to save the homes and families of our State—homes and families being the greatest and most valuable asset of every State and Nation.

The Five Rosenthals

Following the desertion of a cruel father, the ill health of a brokenhearted mother, the court in one of our counties committed five lovely children to our Society to be placed out for adoption, thus robbing the mother of her little ones forever, if—we had not found a way to save them for the mother, who frantically appealed to us to give her a chance to keep her little family from being broken up. We gave her the chance, helped her get on her feet, helped her secure employment as a nurse, and by adding a regular allowance to the mother's income each month, we have saved these five fine little youngsters from permanent separation from a good mother, the best little mother in the world to them, and have given the mother a real incentive to live, and become as near self-supporting as possible. Who can measure the real value of one home, one family, one group of children—being saved to our State and Nation? Wouldn't you like to help us continue to give the allowance to this worthy little mother and her family of bright, attractive children? We will use your contribution for this particular family—if you ask us to do so—gladly.

Five Mercrews Are Kept Together

Another group of five wonderful little youngsters whose father was a drunken, cruel specimen of humanity, and whose mother had, because of abuse and cruelty, become discouraged to the point where she hardly cared what became of herself and her little ones, came under our care early during the past year through court com-



mitment, as the court felt that the welfare of the children should be considered above that of the parents, who had failed to measure up to their obligations and responsibilities.

It seemed a hopeless task to consider any plan that would re-establish that broken home, but finally through the aid of a devoted grandmother, and a young, strong, thoughtful uncle, who was willing to devote all his earnings to the support of the children and the mother, we were able to effect a rehabilitation of the whole family, therefore in place of five little brothers and sisters scattered about the State in other homes, and the mother left to lead a listless, heart-broken life, we are glad to announce that as this report is read, the five lovely youngsters and their mother, herself hard at work doing her part, the young uncle and the devoted grandmother are all together in a happy home, no longer to be kicked and cuffed about by a hard, cruel, drunken father. Yes, it cost our Society considerable money to keep the five children while we worked for several months on a suitable solution of this family problem, but, really, can you think of anything more fundamental or constructive or worthwhile than the saving of our State's homes, families, mothers and children?

Don't you want to invest some of *your* funds in this kind of genuine service to Humanity and our great State?

Thousands of Dollars For An Arm

Many years ago a homeless little fellow came under our care, because of a home broken by infidelity and neglect. In due time the lad insisted on striking out in the world for himself. He secured a position in a sawmill, where one day a big buzz saw caught hold of his shirt sleeve, and in the twinkle of an eye his arm was gone forever. Attorneys for our Society represented the lad in a suit against the Company, who had no right to employ so young a lad on so dangerous a machine, the suit being brought by your Superintendent as the lad's "next friend." After years of waiting, following a successful trial and verdict, the other day, over three thousand dollars was paid over to the young man, a real nest egg to start him in some small business for himself.

Without our aid, he would never have won his case, and might have become a beggar on the streets. This was a constructive service, one of many performed for "others" every day in every week in every year.

A Thief or a Man—Which?

No, our Society does not have any facilities for the care of delinquent boys or girls. We do not conduct a reform school, yet every now and again we are enabled to help some boy or girl from becoming a confirmed criminal—a menace to society.

Recently a find lad—the oldest of a batch of children—in a poor family home in a nearby county—was reported to us by another social agency. He had already "served a term" at the State Industrial School for Boys, we were informed, had returned on parole, had stolen more bicycles, and seemed "ungovernable" at home, but "he had a lot of good in him," and would we please give him a chance. Against our better judgment we did. Our first efforts seemed fruitless. About the first or second Sunday—the lad, sitting next to a wealthy man in church—spied a fine silver cigarette case, which he "swiped," and, "swiping" a bicycle just outside, off he rode. We soon located him, had him return the "stolen goods," gave him kindly, helpful advice, befriended him, encouraged him, and now after many months in our Receiving Home, he has become a first-class Scout, is doing well in school, is making a fine record in every way, and seems to have set his face to the things worthwhile in life, and we believe will make good.



Santa Clause came to visit some of our children, in person, last Christmas—through the courtesy of John A. Cunningham, a member of our Board—with oodles of toys—n'everything As usual he is still our most popular visitor

From Homelessness To Valedictorian

Among the little group of orphan and homeless children that came under our care in 1920, when our Society was invited to take over the Pearl Eagan Home for Children, in Pensacola, to conduct it as the West Florida Branch of our Work, was a little light-haired, blue-eyed, sad-faced girl named Bertha.

Bertha was sad, for she had lost her home, her people, everything that she once held dear, but she was not without ambition; in fact, poor and homeless, she was determined to secure an education and become a real school teacher.



A dandy pair of bright twin sisters whom our Society is sending to a special Girls Training School. Two of the Sixty-five

Last year, because our Society had made it possible for her to go to a fine training school for girls up in Georgia, and because Bertha had fought hard every day for six long years, to be the best pupil in her class, Bertha graduated from that training school with the highest honors of her class, because of which she was chosen as the Valedictorian of her class.



Her graduation address would have done justice to any university graduate, and her devotion to her studies was an inspiration to every pupil at the school.

Bertha is now attending a higher college of learning in Florida, has already won the hearts and confidence of the entire faculty, and is on the way to becoming a real teacher.

Yes, it has cost us over a thousand dollars to give Bertha these six years of education and training, but we honestly feel that we could not have spent any of our funds more wisely—do you?

We have sixty-five older girls and boys away in special schools—we hope they will all do as well as Bertha. Wouldn't *you* like to help us give similar opportunity to others this year?

Saved From Worse Than Death

Can you imagine just how you would feel if some night you would be awakened by the shrieks of a little thirteen-year-old girl, shrieking her lungs and heart out, in an effort to save herself from the immoral tortures of a veritable beast of a man, who had overpowered her? Wouldn't your blood run cold, and your temper rise high, and if you got your hands on such a villain wouldn't you be tempted to deal harshly with him?

Fortunately, for the little girl, her cries were heard, and now Roberta is under our care, being loved and protected, while the abominable villain lies in jail—awaiting a second trial—the first trial resulting in a "hung jury"—with a vote of eleven to one for conviction, we are informed. Wouldn't you like to know the one man who stood out on such a jury.

We hope to secure a conviction next time, not only to give proper punishment to such a villain, but to assure protection for Roberta and many others like her, whose lives would not be safe were such a contemptible scoundrel at large.

This is just one of the special services we have rendered during the past year to exactly 1803 Florida children in need.

An Eleven-Year-Old Girlie Marries A Veteran Aged Seventy-nine

Do you realize that in Florida anybody of any age can be married? That people who are insane, feeble-minded, epileptic, in the last stages of venereal disease or tuberculosis, can marry in our wonderful State? It is true—sad! 'tis true.

A few months ago Falivia, a mere slip of a child eleven years of age, whose mother had died, and whose father wanted to get rid of her, was given by that father in marriage to an old Confederate Soldier, seventy-nine years of age—think of it. It seems impossible that any father could do such a thing, or that any man about to end life's journey would have been willing to subject a little girlie to the responsibilities and obligations of marriage, or that any official could have been found who for a dollar or two, would have performed the ceremony—but all these things were done.

Fortunately for the little girl the news of the marriage spread quickly, and before any physical harm had come to Falivia the matter was reported to our Society, resulting in our rescuing the child immediately, Falivia being brought to Jacksonville, where she is now going to school and playing with her dolls as any other normal child, while our attorneys are having the marriage annulled, so that Falivia no longer will be a Mrs. ———, but will start as a little girl all over again.

No, we do not save Falivia's every day—Thank goodness we do not need to, but don't you agree that it is high time that Florida made such and other improper marriages impossible in the future? We do.



Saved From Going Totally Blind

Robert, a lad of fifteen years, homeless and barely able to see, came under our care a few months ago, reported as "going stone blind." The first specialist to examine the lad stated that there was absolutely no hope, that it was just a question of time before Robert would lose the last vestige of sight. We sent him to the State School for the Blind, from which he ran away, as he felt that he was not wanted where other pupils were really blind. We, therefore, had him examined by another specialist, who after a long period of tests and hospital examinations, found that the one eye was hopelessly lost forever, but that the other eye was good as ever, and could be saved probably, by special treatment and care.

Robert, whose heart was utterly crushed when the first reports were made to him of the hopelessness of his situation, has taken on new courage, and we hope our efforts to save the one eye will be permanently successful—don't you?

We Never Give Up

The "problem child" is a matter of common discussion now everywhere, and all sorts of remedies are being prescribed. Sometimes it seems that a large part of the children nowadays are "problem children," as many of us no doubt would have been classed in our early years, if we had had psychiatrists and psychologists, pediatricians, etc., when we were kiddies.

Well, anyway, we have been trying for years to solve the problem of our attractive bright little girlie, who had the "runaway fever," and could put Baron Munchhausen in the shade, when it came to telling falsehoods that read like the wildest fairy tales.

Recently we sent this girlie to Boston, the hub of America's intelligence, we are told, where they have the Nation's finest specialists of every kind, who are solving the problems and complexes of the country's problem children.

We do not know the results as yet, but one thing we are sure of, and that is that we are "doing all that can be done" to give this child the benefit of the best this Nation can give along these lines, for we believe that the people of Florida expect us to do all in our power to give to every child the chance in life that God intended every little child to have, therefore "we never give up"—we can't afford to do it—it wouldn't be right—you wouldn't give up if she were your child, would you?



One of the many little crippled youngsters that is now under our care. How would you like to be all "harnessed up" like he is, for months?



In Plaster Casts—He Smiles

If you feel that the world isn't treating you just right, that your burdens are pretty heavy, may we suggest that you go out to Hope Haven, Jacksonville's newest convalescent Home for children, and see a little lad out there, crippled and twisted, whose little body is almost entirely covered with plaster casts, in an effort to give to him someday the normal use of the little body that God has placed a soul in, that is precious in His sight.

This little chap came to our Society homeless and helpless, unwanted, uncared for, in a desperate condition. Through real co-operation with our good friends in charge of Hope Haven and their orthopedic specialists, this little lad is now on the way to a normal life and body.

Isn't it great to have this wonderful service performed? Aren't you glad you have invested some of your means in our fine service to Florida's little ones in need?

Conquering The Dread White Plague

Hope Haven is helping us do another wonderfully worthwhile job, for five little Syrian children, whose mother was taken from them by the "white plague" of tuberculosis, and whose father is having a desperate struggle out in the open in his fight for life—against the dread disease.

For these five little youngsters lived in the home where the "white plague" had won the battle with their mother, and they too would soon have been victims, had we not gotten them away just in time.

Soon these children—responding to fresh milk, fresh eggs, fresh air, sunlight, kindly and efficient care, will be able to dance and frolic about, free from disease, ready to live normal, healthy lives. Can you think of anything more wonderful or more worthwhile?

Essie and Elizabeth Are Still With Us



Essie as she is today

Through years of devotion and continued support from the fine young people of the Florida Christian Endeavor Union, who for several years now have contributed hundreds of dollars each year, we have been able to continue a wonderful service at great expense, to Essie and Elizabeth, the two little crippled girlies, that the Endeavorers have adopted as their very own.



Elizabeth all "braced" up

We are sorry not to be able to report that both girlies are up and walking about freely for we had hoped that they would be by this time, but their wasted and paralyzed limbs have proved a bigger and larger task than our specialists realized, and it will be some long months yet, before these fine girlies will be dismissed as "finished cases."

We are glad to report progress. Essie walks pretty well now with the aid of crutches, braces and casts, and Elizabeth declares she will soon "beat Essie in a walking race." So we feel very hopeful, and are deeply grateful to the specialists who have done so much, and to the Endeavorers without whose continued and loyal help, these two little girlies would have remained hopeless cripples, and been robbed of education and a chance to be happy in service to others.



How would you like to give a home to all seven of these fine youngsters from one family? It sure would be great

When They Come In Bunches

The day this report was written we received a group of six little homeless youngsters from one family; just previously we received two groups of six children each, and not so long before that we had a family of seven come in.

To you folks, who have always considered the coming of one child a very great and wonderful and serious event, and who would have felt very faint if the one had been twins, and who would have "dropped over" if they had been triplets, you can imagine something of what it means to have children come in, in half-dozen lots.

Think of six baths, six outfits for new children, six new hats, six pairs of shoes, six of everything, six new beds to make, six new places at the table, all unannounced, and unexpected—it is no small joke; it is a serious problem.

But just think of what a small part of 1803 one batch of six children is, can you imagine what a family like that means? Is it any wonder that we are obliged to ask the people of the whole State of Florida to help shoe—hat—tie—ribbon and feed the family?

Mothers Should Keep Their Babies Through Nursing Period—At Least

Frequently we are asked if we receive children born out of wedlock and our answer is yes, when the mothers are willing to do their part by them, by which we mean that the mother must be willing to keep the child at least for several months, through the nursing period, for we have found in twenty-five years' experience in such cases that the breast-fed babies seldom die in babyhood, and that mothers who nurse their babies invariably keep them, and seldom ever get into the same difficulty again; many of them marry either the father of their child, or some other good man—willing to help a willing mother to keep her child.

We believe that agencies that make it easy for mothers to get rid of their babies are a menace to society, and have no right to the support of the contributing public.

Some months ago a young woman with a babe in her arms came to our office, the girl's father having motored up from down the State to give away the baby in Jacksonville. They were directed to our office. We told them of our policy of keeping mothers and wee babies together through the nursing period. The girl's father refused to per-



This month-old baby is the beginning of a real man—we believe. Want one like him?



mit the daughter to keep the child, but was finally persuaded to do so. Today the child is in our Baby Cottage, a fine, healthy, rugged, happy little lad, the mother is paying for his support, and hopes soon to provide a home of her own for him, for she feels that she could not live without her child.

Doesn't this sound to you like the proper method of dealing with this age-old problem?

Yes, We Actually Saved His Life!

A lad eight years old was reported to us a few months ago, dying from Brights Disease; no hope being entertained for his recovery. His parents had separated, the lad being left to die. By prompt service we were able to secure immediate hospital care for the lad, his father was located and encouraged to bear a part of the expense, and today the lad is alive, fighting a slow, but we believe a sure fight, to overcome disease and death, and who knows, but that one day he will help support the Society that came into his life just in time to stay off the Hand of Death, which seemed so sure of taking the lad's life.



As she came to us

Another Brand Snatched from the Burning



As she is today

Over a year ago, a wee, emaciated babe was abandoned by parents of whom we have never secured a trace. They left her to die along the roadside on the St. Augustine Road. A motorist seeing the "moving bundle" picked up the wee babe almost dead from cold and brought her to our Receiving Home.

The babe had a terrible double hair lip, and no palette in her mouth, so that when she would try to take milk from a bottle the milk came out of her nose as fast as she would try to swallow it, and death was fast creeping over her frail, emaciated body.

We rushed her to St. Luke's Hospital, where through a series of miracle operations, a palette was placed in her little mouth, nourishment, when taken, went where it was intended, the double hair lips were removed, and today that little wee babe is well on the road to a normal, happy life, and as the years go by the operations will give her almost a normal face, and once again the hand of modern surgery has made possible a modern miracle, and who can tell what this little nameless babe herself may yet do for mankind?

Yes, it has cost us hundreds of dollars, perhaps we used some of your money in this way. Do you think we could have put it to better use?

Our West Florida Branch

We are glad to report that our West Florida Branch with our Receiving Home for the nine counties west of the Apalachicola River, at Pensacola, has performed a really helpful service during the past year. We only regret that we cannot give a detailed account of this interesting work, rendered under the direction of the following Board of Directors and Officers, and under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Chandler, our Field Worker in that territory. Mrs. Chandler, in our judgment, being an exceptionally careful, kindly and efficient worker.



Two of our West Florida lads—wanting good homes

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Our West Florida Receiving Home at Pensacola



Our West Florida Ladies Auxiliary

The following ladies have been of immeasurable help in the conduct of our West Florida Receiving Home at Pensacola, and have assisted in the reception of children, and in many other departments of our West Florida Work. We are deeply indebted to them for their loyalty and devotion:

Officers of Auxiliary Board for the Year 1927

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MISS MARTHA WHITING, Vice-President
MRS. D. H. TART, Secretary

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The Pensacola Community Chest

Our West Florida Branch is a member agency of the Pensacola Community Chest, and receives or has been allotted to receive $6,000 of our budget from the Chest. We are very grateful for this financial aid and trust that we will receive the full amount allotted to us.

Service Report of West Florida Branch For 1926

January 1, 1926: Children under care at Pensacola Receiving Home	26
New children referred for and from January 1 to December 31	101
Total Children aided from January 1 to December 31	127
December 31, 1926: Children under care at Receiving Home	40
December 31, 1926: Children under supervision in Family Homes	40
Children attending Boarding Schools	6
December 31, 1926: Total children under care in West Florida Branch	86

There were 101 new children referred for aid in West Florida during 1926, of these:

4 were committed legally
41 were given care at the Receiving Home (the other 43 children receiving care at the Home were known to the Society previous to 1926)
43 were aided by securing help of relatives, and through help and advice in working out plans
6 were referred to other organizations and hospitals for relief
4 were referred to special institutions
1 was given boarding care
3 were referred to Juvenile Court for legal action

Children's Home Society, West Florida Branch

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements
January 1st, 1926, to December 31, 1926

January 1, 1926—Balance on Hand:		
American National Bank Stock	$ 500.00	
War Savings Stamps	5.00	
Banking, Savings & Trust Co.	1,165.43	
Banking, Savings & Trust Co., Savings Account	2,000.00	
Cash on Hand	1,023.57	
Total		$ 4,694.00
RECEIPTS:		
Donations—Pensacola	$ 1,886.79	
Donations—Through Jacksonville Office and Pensacola Community Chest	8,391.21	
Refunds—Board	123.87	
Dividends on Bank Stock	72.00	
Total Receipts		10,473.87
Total		$15,167.87
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries	$ 2,115.00	
Office Expense	65.00	
Home Supplies and Repairs	1,390.74	
Provisions	2,432.82	
Fuel, Light and Telephone	301.10	
Dental and Medical	301.33	
Shoes and Clothing	629.05	
Laundry	1,000.17	
Placing and Visiting	876.67	
Cemetery Lot and Monument	134.00	
Insurance	290.50	
Automobile Allowance	250.00	
Jacksonville Office	174.20	
Incidentals	286.33	
Total Disbursements		$10,346.91
December 31, 1926—Balance		4,820.96
American National Bank Stock	$ 500.00	
War Savings Stamps	5.00	
First Bank & Trust Company	2,262.46	
First Bank & Trust Company, Savings Account	2,000.00	
Cash on Hand	53.50	
	$ 4,820.96	

Our Southeastern Branch



Our Southeastern Branch Receiving Home at Miami

This new and important branch of our work has accomplished a great service during the past year, under the direction of a fine Board of Directors and Officers, and a wonderfully fine group of women, composing the Ladies' Auxiliary, and under the active leadership of our capable District Superintendent, Miss Minna Robertson, assisted by Mrs. Florence E. Carmack, Field Worker, and Miss Kathryn Smith, Office Secretary.



We are glad to be able to publish Miss Robertson's report, for it is unique in its style and will prove most interesting to our friends and contributors all through the State.

Report For Year 1926, of District Superintendent Southeastern Branch Children's Home Society of Florida

The public in general thinks of Miami and the surrounding country as a sort of fairy-land—the Magic City where wonders are common occurrences. We admit that there is a lot of hard reality in Miami and that there are plenty of every-day, ordinary problems facing the people of Southeast Florida. Added to these are the special problems caused by the "Boom," the "Bust" and the "Blow," but in spite of this, we still maintain that it is a fairyland. To prove it, we will tell you some fairy tales— regular "once upon a time" fairy tales that happened in this Magic City. Just remember, though, that the heroes and heroines of these stories are "really truly" children who have been cared for by the Southeastern Branch of the Children's Home Society of Florida.

"Once upon a time" there was a little boy named Walter. He had a father and a mother and two big sisters. They lived in a little house up North near a coal mine where the father went to work every day. But one day when Walter was two years old, influenza (couldn't we call it a giant?) took his father away. Although his mother did the best she could to get food and clothes for her three little children, she just couldn't manage. Finally, they went to the Poor Farm to stay, so they could have enough to eat While they were there, a kind man and a woman who had no children of their own begged Walter's mother to give the little fellow to them. They liked his baby ways and his big brown eyes. His mother cried and cried, but she thought it was better for her little boy to go where he would never be hungry again; so she gave him to the kind man and woman and they adopted him and brought him to Florida. Now, after a while, this man and woman became less kind, and they grew tired of Walter. He outgrew his baby ways and his brown eyes learned to frown sometimes. The man and woman grew tired of each other also and one went off in a boat and the other went away to the cold country. And they left Walter sick in the hospital. He was worse off than he had been seven years before, because he now had no one to love him. The Children's Home Society took him in, gave him a home and affection. But better than that—they found his mother! She had a home again and she wanted her boy. So he went home to his own people "and lived happy ever after."

Isn't that the stuff that fairy tales are made of? And yet it is true; it happened to a real boy, not somebody in a book.

Let me tell you another true story.

"Once upon a time" there was a little baby girl whom nobody wanted. Her father wouldn't even claim her and her mother went away and left her. They didn't bother to name the little baby; so somebody called her "Faith," because they had faith that somehow this helpless little tot would be given a chance. The name was justified, for Faith's fairy godmother waved a wand and the baby had all the things that she had lacked—a soft crib, clean, sweet clothes, milk to nourish her and—wonder of wonders—a loving father and mother!

You are going to say that this really is a fairy story, but wait until you know the secret of it. The fairy godmother was the Children's Home Society of Florida.

Will you listen to one more fairy tale?

"Once upon a time" there were two little children, a brother and sister, named Edward and Edith. These two children loved each other very much indeed and they used to talk to each other about many things that puzzled them. They wondered why the police had taken their father away just when he had gotten some money for them. They could not understand why their mother would sometimes hug them and kiss them and sometimes look at them so strangely. They noticed that this was after she had taken some powders that she always kept hidden. They asked each other why she often went away in automobiles and left them alone until late at night. They did not know why they were sometimes hungry or why other children's mothers would not let them play with their children. Most of all they wondered why a lady came and got them and took them to a big house where there were lots of other children. They noticed that there was a little sign in front of this house that read "Receiving Home—Southeastern Branch Children's Home Society of Florida." Pretty soon the brother and sister were so busy playing with the other children and studying their books and doing their share of the duties at the Home, that they stopped wondering about all the things that had puzzled their heads. But there was still something lacking. Edward and Edith longed for something, they weren't quite sure what. Then after a while a wonderful thing happened. They went to a NEW HOME—a really truly home. They belonged to it and it belonged to them. Anyway, that's what their new Papa and Mama told them. And when Papa put his hand on Edward's shoulder and called him "Son;" and when Mama held "her darling Edith" in her lap—why you just knew what they said was true. And so—"they lived happy ever after."

The stories of these children are typical of the work being done by the Southeastern Branch of the Children's Home Society of Florida, but they are only four of the 312 children that have received the aid, care and advice of the newest branch of Florida's Greatest Charity. These children have come from many states and in some instances—as that of little Walter—have gone back to other states, but The Children's Home Society has rendered some service to each of them. Since the population in this section of the state is largely transient, the problems here are not always quite the same as in the rest of Florida, or there is a larger proportion of some problems, such as temporary care, than in the older sections of the state.

The Southeastern Branch started the year 1926 with only a few children under its care, as follows:

32 under supervision in family homes.
9 under supervision in boarding homes.
3 under supervision for out-of-state agencies.
6 cases pending.
50 total.

Of the six cases pending:
1 was legally committed.
1 was placed in family boarding home.
1 was boarded in Receiving Home.
3 were cared for temporarily in Receiving Home

Of the 312 new children reported:
11 were committed legally.
51 were placed in family boarding homes.
10 were referred to special agencies for relief, to hospitals, clinics, etc.
19 were cared for temporarily in Receiving Home while mother was in hospital, or pending family readjustment, etc
16 were boarded in Receiving Home.
33 were given temporary care in Receiving Home for other agencies.
30 were involved in investigations, supervision visits, etc., for agencies outside Southeastern District (includes 8 from Jacksonville office).
11 were placed under supervision from Jacksonville office.
13 were referred to Juvenile Court because of neglect, unfitness of homes, etc.
82 were given advice, information and help in the direction of plans.
7 were referred to boarding homes, day nursery, schools, etc.
7 were aided by straightening out family difficulties.
3 were referred to special institutions.
1 legal ward transferred from Jacksonville.
18 were pending awaiting completion of investigation or plans at the end of the year.

The 312 children were reported to us, as follows:
66 by Juvenile Court.
28 by Welfare Department Community Chest.
10 by Jackson Memorial Hospital.
28 by American Red Cross.
16 by other Social Agencies in District.
46 by Social Agencies out of District (including Jacksonville office).
6 by Schools and churches.
112 by individuals.
312 Total

The beginning of 1927 found the Southeastern Branch with
35 children under supervision in family homes.
2 children under supervision in their own homes.
14 children under supervision in boarding homes.
2 children under supervision for out-of-district agencies.
22 children in Miami Receiving Home.
2 in hospitals.
77 Total number of children directly under supervision.

In addition there were 8 children whom we were aiding by guidance or advice, and 18 children, the solution of whose problems was pending.



Can Miami kiddies sing?—I'll say they can, from their looks here

The Southeastern District covers the Counties of Dade, Broward, and Monroe, and is served by the office and the Receiving Home in Miami. This home is located at 809 N. W. 14th Street. It received its first child on February 21, 1926, and was formally opened to the public on March 31, 1926. This was a milestone in the history of The Children's Home Society of Florida, and was marked by a public reception with appropriate exercises. There were brief speeches by Mr. W. N. Urmey, President of the Board of Directors of The Southern Branch; Mrs. Thomas S. Davenport, Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary; Mr. Harold S. Wilson, representing the City Government; Judge Edith M. Atkinson, of the Dade County Juvenile Court; Judge W. H. Burwell, President of the Lions Club. Our State Superintendent, Mr. Marcus C. Fagg, told of the history of the organization and expressed the appre-



ciation of the Society for all the kindness and assistance of the people of this district who had been influential in establishing the branch home. The honor guest of the occason was Mr. Louis Burgess, 72-year old messenger for the Postal Telegraph Company, who has for years been a large contributor to The Children's Home Society. His will was read at this time and it was learned that he had left $12,000.00, the savings of a lifetime of hard work, to The Children's Home Society for the care of the little children of Florida. He had given his all that the homeless children might not lack the opportunities that he in his childhood had not had.

Since the opening of the Receiving Home there have been 120 children cared for there. Some of them have stayed a few days, some many months; but all of them have been given care which otherwise they would have lacked. We feel that the Southeastern Branch has more than justified its establishment, and that the men and women of this district who have served as Directors and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have a right to be proud of the work which they have helped so loyally to perform. The officers and members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Southeastern Branch

1927 Officers and Directors

MR. W. N. URMEY, President
MR. T. S. DAVENPORT, First Vice-President
MR. W. H. BURWELL, Second Vice-President
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Dr. R. C. Woodward

The officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary are as follows:

Southeastern Branch—Ladies Auxiliary
Officers and Directors

MRS. D. S. CARRINGTON, President
MRS. THOMAS S. DAVENPORT, Vice-President
MRS. STEPHEN L. TAYLOR, Secretary

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Mrs. Grace Phillips, Key West
Mrs. R. M. Price, Coconut Grove
Mrs. R. R. Reimert
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Mrs. David Ryan
Mrs. Frederick Sharp
Mrs. D. E. Sheehan, Coral Gables
Mrs. F. M. Sheffield
Mrs. Mamie Terrell
Mrs. E. T. Thomas
Mrs. T. O. Wilson
Mrs. C. R. Yeager



Beside these staunch supporters the Society has had many friends throughout the district. The Lions Club not only materially helped to start us on our way, but have ever since, individually and as a unit, aided us in many ways. We feel forever indebted to them and wish publicly to express our gratitude. The Business and Professional Women's Club, the Needlework Guild and many others helped to furnish our Receiving Home. The American Legion and various other organizations have since given very material assistance. Women's organizations in the various churches have sewed for us, have done our mending, and have helped in numerous ways.

Indeed, many kind friends have done much for us. Naturally they did the most when our needs were greatest—after the hurricane of September eighteenth. Our lovely new Receiving Home stood the terrific wind and we were fortunate enough to escape without an injury to a single child or worker; but our roof was partly blown off. many things were water-soaked, the awnings and screens on the porches which surround the house were torn to tatters. The yard was littered with wreckage and several of the shade trees around the place were uprooted. Our Ford car, which was probably needed at that time even more than ever before, was almost a total wreck.

In spite of the inconvenience, discomfort and damage caused by the hurricane, our work went on. Immediately after the storm 40 children and 10 adults were given shelter at the Receiving Home. Some of the children and all of the adults remained only a few days, until they could find dry places to stay. Others, whose homes were destroyed, remained for longer periods. We felt, in giving shelter and food and care to these homeless people, and especially the little children, that our Society was merely doing its bit in this trying time. But we feel that many others did more than their bit, as was demonstrated by the readiness with which organizations and individuals assisted in repairing the damage done to the Home, replaced our car, gave food and money and supplies and their personal services. Very real and material assistance was rendered by the Burdine's Employees Protective Association, the Citizens Relief Committee, the Lions Club, the Herald Relief Committee, the Elks Club and many other organizations and individuals. Our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks are extended to them.

We find people very good. They have helped us in time of distress and also day by day in the ordinary routine of life. Although we cannot say "thank you" to them every day, we feel constantly grateful to them. Dr. W. S. Coleman, Dr. Robert W. Preston and Dr. Frank Davis have given much of their valuable time and services to us, making frequent visits to the Receiving Home and examining children at their offices. Dr. W. J. Vinson has examined our children's eyes and throats and has removed tonsils and adenoids when necessary. Dr. Raymond Fisher has given dental service to all our children. Dr. Verona Radel has been of real help in giving osteopathic treatment to some of our children. The Child Guidance Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Tom Williams, Psychiatrist; the City Clinic; City Laboratory, and Jackson Memorial Hospital have also aided us to keep our children physically and mentally normal.

The Seybold Baking Company has furnished us with bread free of charge. Many of the stores and supply houses have given us generous discounts on purchases. The LaSalle Beauty Parlor has furnished us with free haircuts. Our appreciation for their kindness is very real.

At Thanksgiving everyone was even more generous than ever before. The American Legion and some of our other good friends supplied a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner with everything from turkey to pumpkin pie. It was a wonderful experience to children who had known the meaning of hunger.



A portion of our family of little ones at our Southeastern Branch Receiving Home at Miami



But the crowning joy of the year was Christmas. There was never such a Christmas before! There were Christmas trees—one in the house and one on the lawn—there were toys galore and fruit, candy and nuts; there were socks and ties and sweaters, and gifts even more useful and substantial. There were exercises on the lawn, the telling of the Christmas story and the singing of Christmas carols—and Santa Claus himself appeared. Every bit of this abundant joy was given to our children by the kind-hearted people of the Southeastern District. We are particularly indebted to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion of Coconut Grove, the girls and boys of the First Baptist Church, and to our old friend, Mr. Louis Burgess. Especial mention should be made to the wonderful way in which Mr. O. M. Drebert and his friends answered the Santa Claus letters. We have tried to thank all these joy-bringers, but words are inadequate to express the extent of our gratitude. We hope the knowledge that they brought gladness to little children will reward them for their services.

The children in the Receiving Home attend the public schools, and we have found the teachers and principals always understanding and co-operative. This is also true of the other social agencies in the district. Because of their attitude of ready co-operation we have been able to care for the needy children who have come to our attention more intelligently and more thoroughly than we otherwise could have done.

As District Superintendent, I feel that I cannot say too much in praise of the loyal and efficient workers in the Southeastern Branch. Mrs. Florence P. Carmack, who assumed the position of Field Worker April 12th, brought to the work years of experience with the Red Cross and the Georgia Children's Home Society. She has constantly shown her ability, intelligence and untiring zeal. Miss Ann Paulson was our very efficient Office Secretary from the beginning of the year until the 1st of April, when she returned to her home in the North and was succeeded by Miss Kathryn M. Smith. Miss Smith's interest, loyalty and efficiency have made her a very real part of our organization. The workers at the Receiving Home deserve more than a word of praise. It is upon them that the actual care of the children rests. They all—Mrs. Eugenia Adams, Matron in Charge; Miss Edna Jones, Assistant Matron; Mrs. Emma Euge, Nursery Matron, and Mrs. Effie Marshall, Kitchen Matron—have shown unusual and unceasing interest in the work and in the individual children. They have mothered them, trained them, taught them, cared for them, understandingly, kindly and lovingly. We trust that they are repaid by the love the children have for them.

We feel that if, in the year of our Lord, 1926, the Southeastern Branch of The Children's Home Society of Florida has done something toward making little children happier and toward starting their footsteps in the direction of good citizenship, the year has not been spent in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNA ROBERTSON,

District Superintendent, Southeastern Branch,
The Children's Home Society of Florida.

Miami, Florida, 1927-1-8.

The Miami Community Chest

This past year has been a very difficult year for the Community Chest of Miami, and our Society has not received the full amount allotted us. We hope our friends will pay their subscriptions to the Chest for otherwise our necessary work must be curtailed or cease.



If Only They Could Meet

Scores of little orphan and homeless children, from wee babies on up, particularly boys and girls from six to twelve years of age, are earnestly pleading and praying for some kind-hearted family in Florida to give them a good home of love, care, education and opportunity, right now, while you read this, they are under our care, and every day we hear their eager pleas.

At the same time there are scores; yes, hundreds of childless homes in Florida, (homes that are not complete, for no home is normal or complete without children), that we are hoping real soon will decide to take some of our homeless children.

There is no greater service under Heaven—just can't be. Won't you and your wife write our State Superintendent for full information as to how to secure some fine children for your home? Please!

We will give full social history of child, and give you a full year with the child in your home, before we will require any permanent arrangement or permit legal adoption.

Do not put it off—please—do it now, while it is on your mind.



Children's Home Society, Southeastern Branch, Auditor's Report, December 31, 1926

(Audited by ADAMS & BATE, Accountants, Miami, Florida)

Statement of Income and Expenses, Calendar Year 1926

INCOME—Donations		
From Miami Community Chest Association	$ 14,626.14	
Donations received direct at Miami Office	1,440.01	
Donations received through Jacksonville Office	9,141.71	
Storm Relief Donations	738.45	
Thanksgiving Donations	42.18	
Christmas Donations	185.22	
Donations for New Automobile	514.00	
Total Donations		$ 26,687.71
Less, Appeals		1,207.13
Net Income from Donations		$ 25,480.58
Interest on Bank Deposits		292.72
TOTAL INCOME		$ 25,773.30

Receiving Home Operation		**EXPENSES**	
Salaries of Matron and Assistants	$2,954.16	**Administrative and General Expenses**	
Wages of Cook, Laundress, etc.	1,359.43	Administrative Salaries	$6,008.84
Food	2,448.72	Office Rent	805.00
Clothing	152.16	Stationery and Office Supplies	254.84
Drugs and Medical Attention	238.53	Telephone, Telegraph and Postage	261.66
School Supplies	59.24	Automobile Expenses	1,181.58
Christmas and Thanksgiving Expenses	117.99	Traveling Expenses	297.30
Light, Heat, Water, etc.	399.14	Auditing	125.00
Miscellaneous Institutional Expenses	771.26	Insurance	388.03
Repairs to Equipment	199.32	Miscellaneous Expenses	84.42
Total Operating Expense	$8,699.95	**Total Administrative and General Expenses**	$9,406.67
Boarding Homes			
Paid to Boarding Homes	$4,528.96		
Less, Received from Parents and Others	3,588.58		
Net Boarding Expense	$ 940.38	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	$ 19,047.00
		EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	$ 6,726.30

Statement of Cash Disbursements and Receipts—General Fund—Calendar Year 1926

DISBURSEMENTS—For Operating Expenses		**For Operating Expenses—(Continued)**		
Salaries—Administrative	$ 6,008.84	Traveling Expenses	$ 297.30	
Matron and Assistants	2,954.16	Repairs to Institutional Equipment	199.32	
Wages—Cook, Laundress, etc.	1,359.43	Auditing	125.00	
Boarding Home Expenses	4,528.96	Insurance	388.03	
Food	2,448.72	Appeals	1,207.13	
Clothing	152.16	Miscellaneous Administrative Exp.	84.42	
Drugs and Medical Attention	238.53	**Total Disbursed for Operating Expenses**	$23,089.46	
School Supplies	59.24	**For Other Expenses**		
Christmas and Thanksgiving Expenses	117.99	Office Furniture Purchased	$ 64.50	
Light, Heat, Water, etc. (Receiving Home)	399.14	1925 City Taxes Paid and to be Refunded	88.50	
Institutional Supplies and Expenses	771.26	Advanced for Building Fund	12,901.80	
Office Rent	805.00	**Total Disbursed for Other Purposes**	$13,054.80	
Stationery and Office Supplies	254.84	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**		$36,144.26
Telephone, Telegraph and Postage	261.66			
Automobile Operating Expenses	428.33			

RECEIPTS		
Miami Community Chest Association	$ 14,626.14	
Donations Received at Miami Office	1,440.01	
Donations Received through Jacksonville Office	9,141.71	
Storm Relief Donations	738.45	
Thanksgiving and Christmas Donations	227.40	
Received from Parents and Others for Children's Board	3,588.58	
Interest on Bank Deposits	292.72	
Total Receipts		$30,055.01
EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		$ 6,089.25

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements—Building Fund—Calendar Year 1926

RECEIPTS			
Donations			
For Isolation Cottage	$ 2,526.50		
Received at Miami Office from Sundry Donors	1,073.00		
Received through Jacksonville Office	2,000.00		
Total Donations to Building Fund		$ 5,599.50	
Payment of Pledges, etc.			
Received on 1925 Pledges	$ 575.00		
Received from Belcher Estate	1,500.00		
Total Payment of Pledges, etc.		2,075.00	
Received from General Fund		12,901.80	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$20,576.30
BALANCE IN FUND JANUARY 1, 1926, Per Auditor's Report			12,137.05
TOTAL BUILDING FUND CASH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1926			$32,713.35
DISBURSEMENTS			
To Payment of Mortgage		$ 6,500.00	
Payment of Accrued Interest on Mortgage		260.00	
Payment of Improvement Liens		1,122.60	
Completion of Building and Grounds		21,017.84	
Purchase of Receiving Home Furniture and Fixtures		2,379.25	
Purchase of Receiving Home Furnishing, Linen, etc.		846.75	
Purchase of Institutional Utensils and Sundries		332.16	
Purchase of Laundry Equipment		254.75	
TOTAL BUILDING FUND CASH DISBURSED			$32,713.35

Our Mental and Child Study Department

We are glad to present herewith just a brief statement of the work accomplished by Mrs. Dorothy Hallett Howe, our psychologist, who for the past several months has been in charge of our Mental and Child Study Department.

We feel that it is just as essential that we be able to report to families who apply to us for children on the mental, temperamental, dispositional and habit side of the child's life, as it is to be able to report on the child's physical condition, dental condition, family history, medical history, etc.

Folks want to know, and have a right to know the child's intelligence quotient, his disposition, his temperament, his likes and dislikes, his strong and weak points, his habits, his inclinations, etc.

Mrs. Howe's job, aside from the making of these mental tests of every child that comes under our care, is to study the child from every angle, and give us a report on the child, as to the points just mentioned. We regard her work as most essential.

Report of Psychological Work

(June 1, 1926, to January 25, 1927)

	Boys	Girls	Total
Psycological Examinations and Reports of Children at Receiving Home	74	78	152
Psycological Examinations and Reports of Children in Boarding Homes	13	26	39
Total Number of Examinations	87	104	191
Psycological Examinations and Reports of Children from Outside Sources			
Day Nursery	1		
Dr. Ralph N. Greene	1	1	
Duval County Welfare Board		1	
Loyal Order of Moose	3	1	
Total	5	3	8
Intensive Study and Follow-up Reports	12	10	22

	Boys	Girls
Medium Intelligence Quotient	87	86
Range of Intelligence Quotient	54-136	44-121
Classification:		
Below 60	2%	2%
60- 69	16%	13%
70- 79	13%	20%
80- 89	25%	25%
90- 99	30%	23%
100-109	8%	13%
Above 110	6%	4%

Our Boarding Home Department

Our Receiving Homes have become so congested during the past two or three years, particularly during the past year, that we are compelled to place scores of the children that come to us as legal wards, (and that should be cared for in our Receiving Homes), out in selected family boarding homes, most of these being in Duval and Dade Counties. We are averaging about 150 children per week in boarding homes, at a cost of from five to ten dollars per child, depending upon the condition of the child, and the type of care needed. Figure this out for yourselves, and you will see that even at the minimum of five dollars per week, this would mean an expenditure of $750 per week, $3,000 per month, or $36,000 per year.



A group of our Boarding Home kiddies



Add to this the salaries of two full-time workers, the upkeep of two Ford cars, the cost of shoes, clothing, school supplies, medical and dental care, etc., and we will have expended practically $50,000 a year in this one department of our work, or over ten times as much as the Society's whole budget when I took charge of the work sixteen years ago, the total amount raised that year being less than $4,000.

Following is a brief report of some of the medical services rendered by our City Workers and our Boarding Home Department.

Summary of Medical Report for Children's Home Society of Florida For Year Ending December 31st, 1926

This report does not include medical service rendered by the house physician at the Receiving Home, but only that carried on outside the Home and supervised by the City Visitors.

1—Visits to Specialists	
Eye, ear, nose and throat specialists	345
Specialists in other lines	367
Wasserman Tests made	43
2—Visits to dentists	371
Total number of visits	1126
3—Operations	
Tonsilectomy	76
Orthopedic	0
Minor operations other than above	10
Major operations	1
Total number of operations	87

MARY B. MILAM

Director Boarding Home Department.

"If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite;
And the least you give for Jesus,
Will be precious in His sight."

Our Personnel

Due to the constantly increasing demands upon us for service to a larger number of children each year, as our State is rapidly increasing in population, and due too, to the raising of the standards of service to our children all the time, we find it increasingly difficult to find the right kind of workers to fill our various needs, and to enlarge our constantly increasing corps of workers.

On the whole, I feel that we have a very acceptable group of workers, in fact I know that we have the best and most efficient corps of workers that there is in the South, and few Northern or Eastern children's agencies can boast of more efficient, devoted or loyal workers.



The Entire Staff or Personnel is as Follows

Marcus C. Fagg, State Superintendent
Miss Cora V. Hall, Assistant Superintendent
Miss Myrtle E. Wright, Director City Work
Miss Emma L. March, Field Worker
Miss Lillian A. MacGeachey, Field Worker
Mrs. Helen Chandler, Field Worker
Miss Elizabeth Weimar, Field Worker
Mrs. Mary E. Cole, Field Worker
Miss Clyde Curry, Field Worker
Miss Mary B. Milam, Director Boarding Home Department
Miss Sarah Williams, City Field Worker
Miss Elizabeth Peck, Assistant City Field Worker
Mrs. I. L. Moore, Bookkeeper
Miss Ruth Needham, Assistant Bookkeeper
Miss Mamie Driggers, Assistant Bookkeeper
Mrs. Winnie Touchton, Assistant Bookkeeper
Miss Elizabeth Secord, Office Secretary
Miss Rosa Buero, Stenographer
Miss Helen Hullinger, Stenographer
Mrs. Elcye McQueen, Stenographer
Miss Elizabeth Deaver, Registrar
Mrs. Dorothy Hallett Howe, Psychologist

Southeastern Branch

Miss Minna Robertson, District Superintendent
Mrs. Florence E. Carmack, Field Worker
Miss Kathryn Smith, Office Secretary
Mrs. Eugenia Adams, Matron in Charge, Receiving Home
Mrs. Edna Jones, Assistant Matron
Miss King, Nursery Matron
Mrs. Effie Marshall, Kitchen Matron

Jacksonville Receiving Home

Mrs. Matilda O'Donald, Superintendent
Miss Clara Jessup, Relief Worker
Mrs. Sophia Bennett, Matron Older Boys Department
Miss Kate Copp, Matron Older Girls Department
Miss Beatrice Johnson, Matron Nursery Department
Mrs. Janie Parrish, Assistant Nursery Matron
Mrs. E. B. Shephard, Matron Baby Department
Mrs. Annie Howard, Assistant Matron Baby Department
Miss Clara J. Webb, Matron Reception Department
Mrs. Ada Scott, Matron Younger Boys Department
Miss Blanch Klicker, Matron Infirmary Department
Mrs. A. H. Perry, Relief Worker
Mrs. E. E. Humber, Housekeeper
Mrs. W. A. Lampp. Seamstress
Mrs. Bessie Gammon, Principal of School
Miss Hettie Ennis, School Teacher
Miss Emma Beard, School Teacher
Alfred Mueller, Janitor and Yardman

West Florida Receiving Home—Pensacola

Mrs. J. E. Holloman, Matron
Miss Freda Nearing, Matron Girls Department
Miss Clara Hassabrock, Matron Nursery Department



Some Special Gifts and Special Services

Because of very limited space, we cannot mention the many wonderful things that all of our friends have done for us in detail, as we would so love to do, but we must say a special word of appreciation to each and every friend, every business firm, every club, every lodge, every church, every school, every Sunday School, every C.E. Society, every Needlework Guild, every Sewing Club, and every other organization of every kind, everywhere, who in anyway have helped us in our wonderful record of service the past year.

We just must mention particularly the wonderful services of the physicians, surgeons, specialists, dentists, hospitals and nurses, who have rendered thousands of dollars worth of service to our little ones without charge; without these remarkable services our work could not have gone on.

We must mention, especially, too, the transportation furnished by every railroad in the State, the marvelous support of the newspapers, the free ice, free bread, free meat, fish—daily, for these ietms, if paid for, would run into other thousands of dollars.

We must say a special word of gratitude for the fine radio sets furnished by the Kiwanis Club and the Playground Association of Jacksonville, and the Civitan Club of Pensacola, the Orthophonic Victrolas and special records furnished by French Nestor of Jacksonville, the outings furnished our children by the Civitan Club of Jacksonville, the camp life furnished by the Y. M. C. A. and the Boy Scouts, the use of the swimming pools by the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Y. M. C. A., the wonderful help and interest of the Riverside Baptist and Riverside Christian Churches in Jacksonville, and the Knox Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinners, toys, goodies, useful articles, furnished by the American Legion, Rotary, Kiwanis, Civitan, Lions, Women's Clubs and others.

We owe Mrs. Harry Hauck, of West Palm Beach, a very special debt of gratitude for securing some help from practically every civic club, lodge and other organization in West Palm Beach, at the time of our financial crisis in November.

The Jacksonville Barber College does all our hair cutting without charge. This is no small service—we appreciate it very greatly.

We are proud of the fine women here and there who have made and mended garments for us, and for every service or contribution of any kind from everybody. we cannot enumerate them all, but we appreciate every big and every small help of every kind, from everybody.

Here you see two of our former homeless kiddies, out after their first Christmas trees. Can you imagine what a joyous occasion their first real Christmas will be, in their new home, with their new parents, their new opportunity for the things that God intended every little child to have?



Can you think of any greater Christmas gift than that we have provided for these two fine little youngsters? Wouldn't you love to help us do the same for many other homeless, little tots? We would love to have you.





St. Petersburg Friends Give Over $11,000 to Help Wipe Out $23,000 Deficit and Save Our Great Work

Last October our Society faced a deficit of over $23,000, the largest deficit we have ever had in the history of our work, our necessary expenditures for the ten months having exceeded our income by that amount.

We were greatly distressed, and sent out urgent telegrams and letters to our friends and contributors all through the State for immediate financial aid. We are glad to report that the generous response that came during the months of October, November and December has entirely wiped out that deficit, and we start the work of the New Year with a small surplus in our operating fund.

The greatest single contribution in wiping out our deficit, and in saving our great work, was the unusually successful campaign for funds at St. Petersburg, Florida, under the leadership of H. L. Ermatinger as Chairman, with the hearty co-operation of His Honor, Mayor R. S. Pearce, Major Lew B. Brown of the St. Petersburg Independent, the Civic Clubs, Churches, Lodges, Klu Klux Klan, Fire and Police Department, employees of every large commercial enterprise in the city, employees of every department of the City Government, the support of the newspapers, Boy Scouts, Ladies Organizations, etc.

The idea of having a small campaign originated with Major Lew B. Brown, Editor of The Independent, who called in Mayor Pearce, who in turn persuaded Mr. Ermatinger to accept the chairmanship of the special campaign committee, who later raised the quota from two thousand to five and later to ten thousand dollars, and finally succeeded in securing, with what was sent in directly to our office, as a result of the campaign, a total of over Eleven Thousand Dollars.

There are no words that we can use that will in any adequate manner describe the real gratitude that fills our hearts for this wonderful demonstration in and support of our Society and its absolutely necessary service to Florida's little children in need. This very generous aid, coming just when it did, was a real lifesaver in response to our S. O. S. call for aid.

Our Directors in Ocala, Gainesville, Quincy, Sanford, Eustis, Live Oak, Daytona Beach, Madison, and Lake City Help in Raising Funds to Wipe Out Deficit

In our special effort to secure funds to wipe out the deficit and to continue our great service, we called upon our Board of Directors throughout the State, to help us, for the first time in many years, asking each of these Directors to raise One Thousand Dollars for us, through local civic clubs or otherwise.

Mr. Charles S. Cullen of Ocala was the first to respond and the only one of the members of the Board to secure the full amount asked for, the total amount received from Mr. Cullen's effort being over Fifteen Hundred Dollars. Mr. H. A. Ferran of Eustis, raised several hundred dollars, as did Professor A. A. Murphree of Gainesville, with the active aid of the Rotary Club there, also Hon. D. L. Thrasher of Sanford, Dr. R. B. Harkness of Lake City, Mr. Meade A. Love of Quincy, Mr. F. J. Niver of Daytona Beach; smaller amounts being sent in by former Governor Cary A. Hardee of Live Oak, A. Livingston, Jr., of Madison.

We are deeply indebted to each of these members of our Board for their aid, and to all of the good friends who responded to their appeals for our children in need.



Jacksonville Directors and Women of the Advisory Board Help Too

Because we did not secure the full amount of our quota from the Community Chest in Jacksonville last year, it became necessary for a special fund to be raised to do some repairing, painting, papering, etc., at our School and Boys Dormitory Building, which could not wait for another year, therefore, the members of our Women's Advisory Board, were asked to give or secure One Thousand Dollars for this special purpose. I am glad to report a total of $1,065 paid in cash, and that most of the repairs, papering, painting, etc., has been done. May I say a very definite word of gratitude to each of you who aided in raising this special fund for us?

Our Bequests for 1926 Amounted to $49,336.93

The second largest bequest that has ever been made to our Society was made in the will of the late D. P. Davis of Tampa, Florida, the noted developer of Davis Islands and Davis Shores. Mr. Davis was a friend of our Society and its work for many years, and had a great confidence in our Society, its Directors and workers.

Mr. Davis bequeathed $25,000 to our Society, which we hope will be paid to us by the Executors of his estate in due time. We are proud of this large bequest and trust that others of our friends will follow the example of our friend, Mr. Davis.

We have mentioned elsewhere in our report the very unusual gift from our aged messenger boy friend, Mr. Louis Burgess, who gave us in connection with our Miami Branch, stocks worth $12,000. This amount together with what Mr. Burgess gave in cash last year, represented every dollar that he had in the world. Nobody could do more. We trust that his generous sacrifice will move others to do at least something for our Society and its children.

Other bequests which we were notified of during the past year, and for which we desire to express our real gratitude are as follows:

Dr. Columbus Drew, Jacksonville	$ 477.24 (paid)
Estate of John Henry, Titusville (additional)	1,004.29 (paid)
Estate of Anna M. Holder, Ocala	100.00 (paid)
Estate of J. B. MacGruder, Orlando	1,000.00 (paid)
Estate of Bertha A. Twitchell, St. Petersburg	500.00 (paid)
Estate of M. J. Nicholson, Havana	400.00 (paid)
Estate of Reese Moffett, St. Petersburg	553.40 (paid)
Estate of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stowers, West Palm Beach	102.00 (paid)
Estate of James Skinner, St. Augustine	250.00 (paid)
Estate of Nicholas Ittner, Plymouth	1,000.00 (paid)
Estate of A. C. Pheil, St. Petersburg (additional)	550.00 (paid)
Estate of Lydia Munn, Milwaukee, Wis. (additional)	100.00 (paid)
Estate of Annie M. Christopher, Jacksonville	500.00 (paid)
Mrs. Mary N. Hatch, Jacksonville	800.00 (in stock)
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smitz, St. Petersburg	5,000.00 (in stock)
Louis Burgess, Miami	12,000.00 (in stock)
D. P. Davis, Tampa	25,000.00 (not paid)
Charles A. Whiting, Melbourne	No amount given
R. G. Meador, Athens, W. Va.	No amount given
A. P. Anthony, Jacksonville	Note for $1,000.00 due in May, 1927

By the way—reader friend—have you remembered our Society in *your* will? Will you?



1927 Officers and Directors

Following is a list of the fine men of Florida, under whose personal direction the great State-wide work of the Children's Home Society of Florida is being conducted. These men not only give gladly of their time and thought to this great work, but give generously also of their means. Read over the list and see if you would not be willing and glad for these men to conduct the most important business in the entire State—*i.e.*, the saving of its children to lives of useful citizenship:

JUDGE W. H. BAKER, President
EDWARD W. LANE, 1st Vice-President
JOHN A. CUNNINGHAM, 2nd Vice-President
FRANK BISBEE, 3rd Vice-President
R. V. COVINGTON, Treasurer
FRANK G. JOHNSON, Secretary
GEORGE W. HARDEE, Asst. Secretary
FRANCIS M. HOLT, Counsellor
MARCUS C. FAGG, State Superintendent

Joseph H. McLaurin, Jacksonville
Arthur G. Cummer, Jacksonville
James W. Spratt, Jacksonville
Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, Jacksonville
Brooke N. Jones, Jacksonville
Franklin G. Russell, Jr., Jacksonville
Jacob Cohen, Jacksonville
Frank C. Groover, Jacksonville
John L. Hall, Jacksonville
Dr. James D. Love, Jacksonville
Don Barnett, Jacksonville
Frank Bisbee, Jacksonville
Harry A. Lurton, Pensacola
Judge Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee
Hon. F. M. Hudson, Miami
J. F. Harrison, St. Petersburg
Dr. C. F. Kemp, Key West
S. D. Clarke, Monticello
A. Livingston, Jr., Madison

Harry L. Ferran, Eustis
Arthur Y. Milam, Tampa
D. L. Thrasher, Sanford
W. G. Brorein, Tampa
Hon. Cary A. Hardee, Live Oak
Meade A. Love, Quincy
F. J. Niver, Daytona Beach
Hon. H. J. Drane, Lakeland
Hon. H. S. McKenzie, Palatka
Hon. B. H. Lindsey, Perry
Hon. M. L. Dekle, Marianna
Charles S. Cullen, Ocala
Dr. R. B. Harkness, Lake City
Prof. A. A. Murphree, Gainesville
W. D. Griffing, Macclenny
D. E. Austin, Fort Pierce
Frank Collins, Okeechobee
Bert Winters, West Palm Beach
Joshua C. Chase, Orlando

1927 Officers and Members of Woman's Advisory Board

These capable, devoted women of leadership and efficiency assist the workers of the Society in solving the many vexing problems that must be solved in regard to receiving and placing children, and also assist very definitely in the direction of the work at our Receiving Homes in Jacksonville. Without their valued aid our marvelous work could not go forward.

MRS. ARTHUR G. CUMMER, President
MRS. J. H. McLAURIN, Vice-President
Mrs. W. H. BAKER, Vice-President
MRS. F. N. STORMONT, Secretary

Mrs. W. R. Rannie
Mrs. Franklin Russell
Mrs. J. W. Spratt
Mrs. Frank Brock
Mrs. Lawrence Teague

Mrs. H. B. Hoyt
Mrs. Courts Kendall
Mrs. Telfair Stockton
Mrs. McGarvey Cline
Mrs. Malcolm McCrory

Mrs. Owen Phelan
Mrs. Cecil Willcox
Mrs. Marcus C. Fagg
Miss Gerda Meigs
Mrs. T. P. Denham

Mrs. Thomas Palmer
Mrs. R. D. Knight
Mrs. E. M. Sanderson
Mrs. J. C. Durrance
Mrs. Strawn Perry

Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-four Different Children Have Come Under the Care and Supervision of The Children's Home Society of Florida During the Past Seventeen Years

1910	344	1919	968
1911	536	1920	986
1912	636	1921	1,006
1913	828	1922	1,007
1914	740	1923	909
1915	792	1924	1,018
1916	771	1925	1,050
1917	781	1926	1,180
1918	824	TOTAL	15,164



One Million Five Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents was voluntarily sent in for the support of our great work during the past seventeen years.

Approximately $350,000 of this amount has been expended for properties and equipment in Jacksonville, Orange Park and Miami, for Receiving Homes, Schools, Infirmary Buildings, etc.

1910	$ 7,504.00	1919	47,900.38
1911	19,271.33	1920	126,283.32
1912	25,099.74	1921	113,318.42
1913	29,771.96	1922	130,840.22
1914	30,977.67	1923	146,748.61
1915	31,216.18	1924	174,178.41
1916	34,219.88	1925	287,160.66†
1917	46,198.96	1926	236,845.37
1918	98,734.27*		
		Total	$1,576,269.88

*A special campaign was put on in Dec., 1918, for 1919, accounting for this large increase 1918 over 1917.

†This includes special Building Fund raised for Miami Receiving Home, amounting to almost $50,000.00.

Contributions By Various Organizations

Public Schools in every section of the State	1925		$7,618.28
	1926		6,189.51
		Less	1,428.77
Lodges and Fraternal Orders—all over Florida	1926		4,278.20
	1925		4,166.17
		More	112.03
Miscellaneous Organizations			3,763.25
Civic Clubs—Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Exchange,: Civitans, etc.	1926		3,175.03
	1925		2,771.64
		More	403.39
Women's Clubs all over Florida	1926		3,122.63
	1925		1,910.99
		More	1,211.64
Churches of every denomination all through the State, Sunday Schools, Ladies Aid Soc., Missionary Societies, etc.	1926		6,305.18
	1925		5,387.88
		More	1,019.30
Christian Endeavorers all over Florida, for Essie and Elizabeth—two little crippled girls	1926		1,996.89
	1925		1,671.93
		More	324.96
Special Entertainments			1,863.69
Storm Relief Funds			922.04
American Legion and Auxiliary			1,082.83
Junior Red Cross (through public schools)			106.79

We are mighty proud of the remarkable support we are receiving from Schools, Lodges, Civic Clubs, Women's Clubs, Churches and Sunday Schools, Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies of every denomination, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, The American Legion, Junior Red Cross, and from organizations of various kinds all through the entire State.

Notice how all but the Public Schools gave increased amounts in 1926 over 1925—the Schools were affected too much by the Storm Disaster.

A Tremendous Contribution in Service

There is no way in which we can accurately estimate the money value of the services rendered to our Society and its children, by the following group of physicians, surgeons, specialists and dentists, who have served our children so wonderfully, and so efficiently the past year, under the general direction of Dr. James D. Love, our Chief of Staff, but we do know that if we had had to pay for all these services, that we would have had to expend many thousands of dollars.

What can we say, therefore, that will adequately express our appreciation—just the biggest "thank you" that words can express and that we do with all our hearts.

Many little lives have unquestionably been saved; suffering has been eliminated; disease has been cured; contagion and infection have been wiped out; health has been restored; teeth, eyes, ears, limbs and bodies have been saved to usefulness. It indeed has been a tremendous contribution in service.



We Are Very Proud of the Following Staff

Dr. James D. Love, Chief of Staff. Physician in charge of Jacksonville Receiving and Boarding Homes

Medicine	*Surgery*	*Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat*	*Dermatology*	*Urology*
R. H. McGinnis	Edwin Jelks	H. Marshall Taylor	J. Kirby-Smith	Thomas Thompson
Luther Holloway	J. Knox Simpson	N. M. Heggie	*Roentgenology*	E. T. Sellers
T. Z. Cason	H. A. Peyton	Shaler Richardson	L. W. Cunningham	*Dentistry*
Hermann H. Harris	Jas. Hartman	Wm. J. Knauer	W. W. Shaw	Jesse L. Williams
T. E. Buckman			*Neurology*	I. W. Bull
			Ralph N. Greene	*Gynecologist*
				Dr. R. B. McIver

List of Physicians, Specialists and Dentists Who Rendered Free Service in 1926

Dr. Mace Bean	Dr. Ralph Greene	Dr. E. T. Jones	Dr. E. T. Sellers
Dr. Lunsford Boone	Dr. X. Greene	Dr. J. L. Kirby-Smith	Dr. Harold Van Shaick
Dr. O. P. Broadbent	Dr. J. H. Grollman	Dr. William J. Knauer	Dr. W. M. Shaw
Dr. T. E. Buckman	Dr. D. E. Harrell	Dr. J. D. Love	Dr. J. Knox Simpson
Dr. I. W. Bull	Dr. Hermann Harris	Dr. R. H. McGinness	Dr. Guy Smith
Dr. T. Z. Cason	Dr. J. H. Hartman	Dr. Robert McIver	Dr.H. Marshall Taylor
Dr. M. B. Chapin	Dr. N. M. Heggie	Dr. Harry A. Peyton	Dr. J. I. Todd
Dr. L. W. Cunningham	Dr. Luther Holloway	Dr. J. H. Randolph	Dr. Jessie L. Williams
Dr. F. L. Fort	Dr. Edw. Jelks	Dr. Shaler Richardson	

Death Takes Two Real Friends

We mourn the loss of Mrs. G. D. Ackerly, for many years a member of our Woman's Advisory Board, and one of the most loyal friends our Society has ever had. Mrs. Ackerly is the first member of our Woman's Advisory Board to pass away, during all the years that that group of fine women has served our Society. She will be greatly missed at their meetings, but the memory of her life of unselfishness and willing service will remain with us always.

We have also suffered a genuine loss in the passing of Honorable Fred T. Myers of Tallahassee, for many years a member of our Board of Directors, and a loyal friend and contributor, always ready to say a good word for us, and ready to lend a helping hand. His last important service was as special attorney for our Society together with Mr. Francis M. Holt of Jacksonville, in the only case that has ever been brought against our Society in the Supreme Court of Florida. He helped us win that case. Mr Myers was a Southern gentleman, a fine character, a distinguished lawyer, a citizen worthy of emulation. His place will be very hard to fill.

The Year Ahead

Because of the continued unfavorable real estate situation, the resultant State-wide effect of the storm disaster, the unfortunate citrus fruit market, and other situations that are not particularly favorable at present, we probably must expect a continuance of a reduced income, more children to care for, and fewer families willing to accept our children. This means the utmost economy in every department of our work, which we shall try rigidly to enforce.

In this connection may I say frankly, that we are now doing our work with a much smaller number of workers in every department of our work than we really need, and are over-working every one of our workers in the office and in the field, to the extent that it is surprising that they are able to keep up under the stress and strain. Nor are we doing the work as promptly as it should be done, or as carefully as we would like to do it. We need additional workers in the office, in the field, and in our City Field and Boarding Home work badly, but we shall try to carry on a while longer on the present basis, in the hope that financial conditions will soon be improved, and that we can have the added workers so greatly needed.



We start the present year with 889 children on hand, under care and supervision, in Receiving Home, Boarding Homes, Hospitals, special schools and institutions, and in family homes.

A year ago we started the year with 623 children on hand, which means that we start the present year with 266 more children than we did last year, or more than thirty-three per cent increase in one year. The number of our workers has only increased two persons, or less than five per cent., these figures must speak for themselves.

Our greatest concern, however, should be to make some immediate provision for the proper care, education and training of our older boys. The conditions at present are deplorable to put it mildly. We have some of these boys at the Receiving Home in quarters that throw these older boys into continuous contact with younger boys, that means a serious problem in sex habits, morals, discipline, and other handicaps that are certainly harmful, rather than helpful. We have little or nothing for these boys to do, and no proper guidance or supervision for what little they are asked to do. They cannot play in any normal manner, consequently they get into mischief, and their energies are spent in ways that are only conductive to deterioration. Our school facilities are poor indeed. Inasmuch as there seems to be no early likelihood that we shall be able to dispose of our present Receiving Home property, or our Orange Park property, which means that our new Receiving Home plant is a matter of conjecture entirely. I desire to suggest that we consider the immediate feasibility of fixing up one or more of the buildings at Orange Park, with the help of these older boys, and under the supervision and direction of the right man and wife, using funds from the Henry Estate for this purpose. The situation is serious, and in spite of what may seem to be adding a great deal to our expenditures at a time when we should be reducing expenditures, I advocate this step, at once; in fact, sometimes I feel that with the increased numbers of unplaceable children that we must provide for, we had better use the whole Orange Park property for these children, and reserve our present or new Receiving Home for the placeable children.

We face the new year, therefore, with the largest family of children we have ever had under our care and supervision, and under conditions that call for faith, courage, and a determination to overcome the problems that lie before us, with the assurance that the years in the past should bring to us, that in Judge Baker's words—"This is the Lord's work, and he will not permit it to suffer."

With a further word of particular gratitude to and appreciation of my co-workers, who have put in the most strenuous and effective year of service that our Society has ever called upon them for, and who have been efficient, loyal and devoted, and with a keen sense of appreciation of the fine support of our Men's and Women's Boards, and with an abiding gratitude for a Providence that has guided us safely through another year, and with a deep thankfulness for every aid of every kind from every source, I must draw this report to a close with these fine words:

"Give Your Best"

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
 There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have
 And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
 A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
 Their faith in your word and deed.

For life is a mirror of king and slave,
 'Tis just what you are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
 And the best will come back to you.

Assuring you that it will be my privilege and pleasure to give to the great and rapidly growing work of our Society and its hundreds of little ones, the best that is in me during the coming year, this report is respectfully submitted.

MARCUS C. FAGG, State Superintendent.



These Folks Believe in Us in a Large Way

The following is a list of our friends who have contributed from $200 on up, during the past year. We publish their names to honor them for their generous gifts —to show to others the fine confidence that scores of Florida's finest citizens and organizations, Lodges, etc., have in our Society and its great State-wide Interdenominational work for Florida's children in need, and in the hope that many other good friends will be encouraged to give more largely, for as our work is constantly growing, we must secure a larger support, for our services are limited only by our income.

List of Large Contributors

APALACHICOLA
Abbott, J. J. $ 100.00

ARCADIA
Ambler, J. C. 500.00

AVON PARK
Whitehurst, Murray C. . 500.00

AUGUSTA, GA.
Douglass, W. E. 100.00

BARTOW
Board of County Commrs. 600.00

BRADENTON
Tallant, D. H. 250.00
Vaught, L. T. 100.00

BREWSTER
Whiddon, E. V. 100.00

BROOKSVILLE
Hale, Hugh 1,000.00

CENTURY
Hauss, Mr. & Mrs. Edw. A. 120.00

CLEARWATER
Alvord, Mr. & Mrs. Dean 100.00
Boyd, Miss Velma 100.00
Brumby, R. M. 100.00
Wismer, J. 100.00
Woodson, Henry P. 200.00

COCOA
Bruen, Horace R. 100.00
Bruen, Mrs. Jennie O'Neill 100.00

DAYTONA BEACH
Conrad, E. T. 100.00
Conrad, F. N. 100.00
Drinkwater, Alice W. .. 100.00
Foster, B. 100.00
Haynes, Henry W. 100.00
Latta, Mrs. Alice 100.00
Stanley, Mrs. Nellie P. . 100.00

DE LAND
Conrad, Mrs. Carrie F. . 210.00
Conrad, E. R. 100.00

DELRAY
Hall, Emmett C. 100.00

DOVER
Keigwin, J. E. 205.00

EUSTIS
Childs, C. C. 100.00
Ferran, Harry A. 300.00
Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. G. D. 200.00

FERNANDINA
Allen, Andrew S. 100.00

FLORENCE VILLA
Kinsey, Mrs. Isaac 150.00

FORT LAUDERDALE
Alexander, Mr., Mrs. D. C. 100.00
Bryan, Tom M. 100.00
Rickard, C. E. 185.00

FORT MYERS
Page, Mrs. C. H. 205.00

FORT PIERCE
Cobb, P. P. 200.00
Harris, John E. 150.00

FORT WHITE
Persons, R. A. 100.00

GAINESVILLE
Miller, Benjamin F. .. 100.00

GLENWOOD
Bond Lumber Co. 100.00

HASTINGS
Nix Produce Co. 135.00

HAWTHORNE
Hammond, Mr., Mrs. J. F. 100.00

HIALEAH
Smith, O. P. 2,506.50

HOMESTEAD
Krome, Wm. J. 100.00

INVERNESS
Citrus County 250.00
Connell & Schultz 100.00
Schultz, C. D. 100.00

JACKSONVILLE
Anthony, A. P. (in sec.) 1,000.00
Brown, Charles A. 113.50
Cohen, Jacob E. 200.00
Dscrive, Karl 150.00
Howell, Mr., Mrs. C. C. 100.00
McArthur, D. W. 100.00
Mucklow & Ford (services) 159.25
Myerson, D. P., Jr. 100.00
Stockton, James R. 100.00

JULIETTE
Hemphill, F. E. 100.00

LAKE CITY
Harkness, Dr., Mrs. R. R. 122.00

LAKELAND
Lewis, R. A. 100.00

LAKE WALES
Campbell, Mrs. M. G. ... 100.00

MADISON
Wells, W. C. 100.00

MIAMI
Brigham, Mr., Mrs. A. H. 100.00
Burgess, Louis 650.00
Business & Pro. W. Club 100.00
Chaplin, Mrs. Louise.. 200.00
Elks Relief Fund..... 162.45
Fink, Romie K. 100.00
Holmer, Mr., Mrs. Carl J. 100.00
Hudson, F. M. 250.00
Kagey, J. M. 100.00
Marshburn, R. J. 100.00
Miami Herald Relief F. . 500.00
Mills, Mr., Mrs. Chas. A. 100.00
Potter, Burr S. 250.00
Thomas, E. T. 250.00
Urmey, W. N. 340.00

MOUNT DORA
Gorham, D. F. 107.00

NEW SMYRNA
Berger, Mrs. Wm. H... 100.00
Van Hook, Mr., Mrs. J. M. 100.00

NEW YORK CITY
Gould, Edwin 100.00
Huppel, J. Christian... 100.00

OCALA
Coml. Lime Co. 200.00
Rose, Mr., Mrs. Carl G. . 100.00
Taylor, Margaret E. 100.00
Taylor, J. J. 150.00

OKAHUMPKA
"A Friend" 100.00

ORANGE PARK
Ferguson, Mr., Mrs. J. A. 200.00

ORLANDO
Burke, J. W. 107.35
Eldridge, Miss Lillian V. 107.00
Johnston, Col. Geo. E.. 150.00
MacGregor, A. H. 150.00
Miller, Mr., Mrs. S. J... 125.00
Parriott, Mrs. Ethel W. 100.00
Price, Mrs. J. D. 150.00

PALATKA
Peck, Barton L. 2,000.00
Wilson, Mr., Mrs. F. H. 100.00

PALMETTO
McLean, E. C. 125.00

PALM BEACH
Cragin, Mrs. Charles.. 100.00
Lightbown, Cooper C... 100.00

PENSACOLA
City of Pensacola..... 383.30

PERRY
Lindsey, Hon., Mrs. B. H. 100.00

PIERSON
Swanson, Mr. & Mrs. E. F. & Mr. and Mrs. N. L. 111.05

POMPANO
Robinson, Wallace A. . 100.00

RICHMOND, IND.
Richmond Cabinet Co... 100.00

ROCKLEDGE
Williams, Miss Myra C. 100.00

SANFORD
Chase, Mr., Mrs. S. O.. 150.00
Leffler, W. A. 100.00

SARASOTA
Cummer, A. E. 100.00
Payne, C. N. 100.00
Phillips, Jas. H. 100.00
Williams, Mrs. Oscar L. 200.00

STARKE
J. F. Turner & Co. 100.00

ST. AUGUSTINE
Heartt, Mrs. J. C. 100.00
Maclennan, Mrs. J. D. . 350.00



ST. PETERSBURG

Alexander, L. M.	100.00
Allen, Cade B.	125.00
Barnes, P. B. & Father	105.00
Blocker, J. C.	100.00
Bostwick, Abel A.	100.00
Brown, Mrs. Len B.	100.00
Campbell Lossing Post 53, American Legion	125.00
Cathey, J. F.	100.00
Coleman, Mrs. Mary A.	100.00
Culbertson, A. C.	1,000.00
Dann, Geraw Co., Inc.	250.00
Gandy, George S.	100.00
Gedney & Son Eng. Co.	100.00
Grau, Mr., Mrs. S. D.	100.00
Harrison Powell Co.	100.00
Harrison, J. F.	100.00
Harrison, J. E.	100.00
Haethcote, W. E.	125.00
Hoxie, Albert C.	100.00
Kelly W. McKee Co.	175.00
Kinsel, Mrs. H. M.	155.00
Lane & Bussey	200.00
Langhner Enterprise, Inc.	100.00
Lippett, Mr. & Mrs. G. N.	200.00
Lynch, John P.	200.00
Mason, Franklin J.	350.00
Pinellas Power Co.	100.00
Purvis, Robert C.	100.00
Ross, Miss Pearl E.	100.00
Rowe, Thos. J.	100.00
St. Petersburg Credit Clearing House	250.00
St. Petersburg Realty Bd.	189.00
Schirp, Mrs. Emilie C.	100.00
Schubert, Dr. Geo. H.	130.00
Smiley, Mr., Mrs. P.	100.00
Smith Service Co.	150.00
Thorn, John N.	100.00
Vuill, Mrs. Charles	100.00
Watkins, Miss Cora	100.00
Welsh, Bertis F.	150.00
Wilkinson, Sarah F.	120.00

SWATHMORE

Brewster, Mrs. C. E.	100.00

TALLAHASSEE

Henderson, Geo. Douglas, Jno. & Everett	100.00
Johnston, Mr., Mrs. G. S., Jr.	100.00
Lewis, Mr., Mrs. G. E.	100.00
Lewis, Mr., Mrs. W. C.	200.00

TAMPA

Ramsey, Thos. W.	100.00
Spencer, Edward W.	100.00

TARPON SPRINGS

Inness, Mrs. George	100.00
Lewis, Harry	105.00
Scribner, Benj. G.	100.00

TRENTON

W. J. Tate & Co.	102.00

UMATILLA

Rapp, Mrs. D. G.	230.00

WAUCHULA

Whitehurst, Mr., Mrs. J. W.	285.35

WEST PALM BEACH

Board of Commrs.	100.00
Bradley, E. R.	100.00
Campbell, Neil A.	110.00
Conklin, D. H.	125.00
Dade Lumber Co.	605.00
Lamhart & Potter	100.00
Noble, Arthur L.	100.00
Ohmer, C. J.	100.00
Perry, Wise	200.00
Reese, C. D.	150.00
Reese, T. T.	700.00
Tessman, Edgar H.	100.00
Weike, W. A.	100.00
Winters, Mr., Mrs. Bert	600.00

WINTER GARDEN

Fowler, H. E.	110.00
Tilden, Mr., Mrs. L. W.	200.00

WINTER HAVEN

Friends, "Chief"	135.00
Gillespie, Earl A.	100.00
Harrington, Mrs. E.	100.00
Pruden, Alfred J.	110.00

WINTER PARK

Chase, Mrs. Mary J.	200.00
Mills, F. H.	300.00
Morse Mrs. Chas. H. Sr.	370.00

Our Honor Roll

We desire to make a permanent record of all the bequests that come to our Society from year to year, and to place the names of our good friends on this our Honor Roll. Frankly, we hope that the record of the confidence these friends have shown in our Society and its marvelous work for Florida's little future citizens will encourage others to remember our Society in their wills. By-the-way—Have *you* remembered us in *your* will?

1913	Hon. E. O. Painter, Jacksonville, former director of Children's Home Society (paid)	$ 1,000.00
	Mrs. A. S. Lynekin, Jacksonville (estate not settled)	200.00
1917	Enoch Root, West Palm Beach (paid)	300.00
	D. P. Fraser, Jacksonville (paid)	500.00
1919	Mrs. Ford H. Rogers, Ocala (in memory of husband) (paid)	500.00
	David S. Stout, Merritt, cottage sold for (paid)	2,850.00
1920	Francis P. Conroy, Jacksonville (former Vice-president Children's Home Society (paid)	1,000.00
1921	A. R. Jones, Pensacola (for West Florida Branch) (paid)	500.00
	James D. Smith, Arlington (paid)	891.14
	Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, Kissimmee (Lost to Society because of incorrect name being used)	21,500.00
	Mrs Elizabeth Currier, St Cloud (to be paid at her death)	
	Mr. and Mrs. Missouri Henson, Daytona (estate not settled)	200.00
	Mrs. Melissa J. Gage, Miami (estate not settled)	2,500.00
	Emil Graf, St. Cloud (paid)	50.00
	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Harper, Miami (a joint will to be paid later)	
1922	Hiram Smith Williams, Rockledge (paid)	2,000.00
	Mrs. R. A. Amsden, Manchester, Iowa (paid)	4,000.00
	W. A. Drake, Jacksonville (paid)	200.00
	S. A. Tilley, Clearwater (paid in full)	13,747.88
	Lysander H. and Emma R. Gurney, Merritt, Florida (paid)	200.00
	Mrs. Louise G. Hoover, South Jacksonville (paid)	500.00
	James N. Stephen, Zephyrhills (paid)	200.00
	C. D. Mills, Jacksonville (estate not settled; annually)	1,000.00

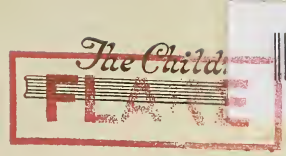


1923	Captain John Henry, Titusville, about	85,000.00
	Dr. Columbus Drew, Jacksonville (trust fund to net annually)	350.00
	J. D. Bucky, Jacksonville (estate not settled)	500.00
	Capt. William James, Jacksonville (paid)	2,000.00
	J. G. Stowers, West Palm Beach (estate not settled)	1,000.00
	S. A. Belcher, Miami (estate not settled)	3,000.00
	P. A. Ullendorf, Miami (estate not settled) (amount not known)	
	Memorial to Lysander H. and Emma R. Gurney, Merritt, Florida (paid)	200.00
	Estate of Liza D. Rogers, Pensacola (paid)	2,385.71
	Mrs. Alpha H. Burson, Richland, Ga. (to furnish room in Henry Training School (not paid)	150.00
	Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, St. Augustine (paid)	255.00
	W. F. Miller, Miami (annually through permanent trust fund)	500.00
	Mrs. Charles Woodward (deceased) Stuart (not paid)	5,000.00
	L. S. Relyea, Dade City (amount not yet known)	
1924	F. A. Tucker, Palatka, Florida, and Savannah, Georgia (no amount yet known)	
	W. W. Marshall, Daytona (share in valuable property)	
	Mrs. J. C. Howard, Daytona, Florida, and Boston, Mass. (no amount yet known)	
	Mrs. James S. Samson, St. Petersburg (no amount yet known)	
	Miss Emeline McNally (deceased) Jacksonville and Kings Co., N. Y. Valuable property in Jacksonville	
	Mrs. Mary R. Young, Panama City (forty acres of land in Bay County)	
	Dr. Andrew Anderson (deceased) St. Augustine (interest on $10,000.00 annually) (paid)	
	A. W. Stockett, Bee Ridge (interest on $100 Liberty Bond, annually)	
	D. F. Gorman, Mt. Dora (interest on $100.00 Great Northern R. R. Bond, annually)	
	J. O. Eckers, Lakeland, Florida ($100.00 Non-acid Fert. & Chemical Co. Bond)	
	Perry Dover, Keota, Oklahoma (one lot in Keota, Oklahoma)	
	Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bedell (deceased) Lake Helen, Florida (one lot in Jacksonville)	
	Rev. Chas. H. Martin, DeSoto County (household goods)	
	A. C. Pheil, St. Petersburg (estate not settled)	1,100.00
	Estate of J. H. Havelin, Miami (paid)	1,000.00
	Estate of Mrs. Helen L. Putnam, Seabreeze (paid)	1,000.00
	Estate of J. B. Magruder, Orlando (paid)	1,000.00
	Estate of Adolph Ottoi, Honolulu, Hawaii (paid)	50.00
	Estate of Villiers Chernocke Smith, Birmingham, England (paid)	100.00
	Estate of Lillian Hacherelle, Bradenton (paid)	1,000.00
	Mrs. Mary J. Hatch (80 shares of stock) Jacksonville	800.00
	Estate of Mrs. Lydia Munn, Milwaukee, Wis., Lakeland, Florida	300.00
	Louis H. Toussaint, Pottsville, Penn. (amount not yet known)	
	Dr. Andrew Anderson Estate, St. Augustine (paid)	10,000.00
	M. R. Sinks, Umatilla	500.00
	Emma C. Jenkins, Orlando	193.48

Bequests, 1926

1926	Estate of M. J. Nicholsen, Havana (paid)	400.00
	Estate of Anna M. Christopher, Jacksonville (paid)	500.00
	Estate of Anna M. Holder, Ocala (paid)	100.00
	Estate of Nicholas Ittner, Plymouth (paid)	1,000.00
	Estate of Bertha A. Twitchell, St. Petersburg (paid)	500.00
	Estate of Reese Moffett, St. Petersburg (paid)	553.40
	Estate of Louis Burgess, Miami (in stock)	12,000.00
	Estate of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smitz, St. Petersburg (in stock)	5,000.00
	Estate of D. P. Davis, Tampa (not paid)	25,000.00
	Estate of Charles A. Whiting, Melbourne (no amount given)	
	Estate of R. G. Meador, Athens, W. Va. (no amount given)	

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Treasurer's Report for 1926

Our books are audited by Mucklow & Ford, Certified Public Accountants, and all persons responsible for the receipt and expenditure of funds are under proper bond, to assure the utmost protection to the contributing public. We doubt if any other charitable agency in the country has as complete and efficient a system of receipts and expenditures, or makes as detailed a report of its income and expenditures.

We are deeply grateful for the perfectly wonderful support that has been given our Society all over Florida, by men, women and children, business firms, churches, schools, clubs, lodges, societies and organizations, and want our friends to scan the following report carefully, for it is your money we are using, and you have a right to know how well we have used it.

Very gratefully yours, R. V. COVINGTON,
Treasurer for Twenty Years.

GENERAL FUND—January 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926

Balance on Hand—January 1st, 1926		$ 10,820.73
RECEIPTS		
Donations	$157,494.51	
Donations—Jacksonville Community Chest	32,627.08	
Donations—Pensacola Community Chest	5,368.34	
Refunds	1,038.08	
For Board of Children	18,593.83	
Total Receipts	$215,121.84	
Total Receipts including Balance		225,942.57
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries (28 different workers)	$ 46,920.42	
Securing Homes for Children, and Funds	44,929.47	
Office Supplies and Expense	5,153.26	
Boarding Homes and Schools	39,675.92	
Receiving Home Expenses	42,226.86	
Placing and Visiting Children	8,950.88	
Autos and Expense	1,909.13	
Travel and Expense	767.37	
Special Relief	472.00	
Office Furniture	238.87	
Money sent to Pensacola for West Florida Branch	8,066.22	
Money sent to Miami for Southeastern Branch	11,141.71	
Total Disbursed	$210,452.11	
Balance in General Fund		$ 15,490.46

This amount is considerably less than our average monthly expenses—for one month.

Building Fund

Balance on Hand—January 1st, 1926		$ 56,821.20
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Funds	$ 1,540.79	
Interest on Securities	995.00	
Rents Received	360.00	
Bequests	5,532.64	
Sale of Property	8,282.54	
Total Receipts	$ 16,710.97	
Total Receipts including Balance		73,532.17
DISBURSEMENTS		
Purchase Mortgage Bond	$ 6.00	
Purchase Murray Hill Property	29,399.12	
Taxes, Abstracts, Etc., on Property	668.14	
Abstracts and Expense Mary R. Young Property	158.34	
Payment to H. C. Wright, N. Y., Architect	1,000.00	
Total Disbursed	$ 31,231.60	
Balance in Building Fund account Dec. 31st, 1926		$ 42,300.57

Henry School Account

Balance on Hand—January 1st, 1926		$ 12,533.91
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Funds	$ 588.27	
Interest on Securities	2,570.00	
Payment on Bequest	1,004.29	
Total Receipts	$ 4,162.56	
Total Receipts including Balance		16,696.47
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salary, Yard Man, Taxes, Insurance, Etc.	$ 1,508.87	
Balance on Hand December 31st, 1926		$ 15,187.60

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Two lovely youngsters—just recently placed in a lovely home for legal adoption

No List of Contributors This Year

Knowing that our thousands of contributors in every city, town and hamlet in Florida, who have become accustomed to turning to the rear portion of our Annual Report each year to ascertain whether we had properly credited the amount of their contribution, and to read over the list of names of their neighbors and friends, will wonder why we are not publishing the list this year, we want to give at least some of our reasons for not doing so.

In the first place, and chiefly, because the number of contributors has grown into so many thousands that it costs hundreds of dollars to print the long list of names, and the weight of nearly a hundred pages added to our report to include all these names, adds hundreds of dollars to the cost of postage in sending out the report, all of which we feel should be used directly in the care of homeless and needy children.

Secondly, the list has grown so long that we doubt if many or any of our contributors could or would take time to read them.

Thirdly, it has come to our attention that other charitable agencies have been using our list of contributors to solicit funds from, thus exposing our good friends to many other appeals for aid, some of which no doubt would come from agencies whose work is of questionable value.

Fourth, many advertising propositions, some good, some bad, have come to use our list of contributors, as prospects, to sell their various wares, this being an injustice to our contributors and friends.

Fifth, because such a list is really unnecessary, as we always send a receipt and card of thanks to every contributor as the contributions are received, and no further acknowledgment is necessary in a public way.

Sixth, because many of our contributors prefer not to have the amounts they give made public, for if they give largely, everybody floods their homes and offices with appeals, and if they give in small amounts, folks who do not know their financial condition may unjustly criticize.

We do not say that we will not go back to the original plan at some other time, for we know it has many values, but in this particular year, we feel we should economize in every possible way. Will you drop us a line and let us know whether you approve or disapprove our action?

Gratefully yours,

MARCUS C. FAGG,

State Superintendent.